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Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Park Rangers Offer Classroom Programs

The Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Immigration Museum are excited to announce FREE “Ranger in Your Classroom” curriculum-based programs to be delivered in the New York City area schools. Due to the closure of these two park sites rangers are available this year to expand our outreach program into schools.

The park ranger teams will offer a series of presentations to individual classrooms. Each program runs approximately 45 minutes or one class period. Schedule these teams for a day in your school to ensure all your students within a grade get this great opportunity to interact with park rangers on the history and importance of these two national park sites. In order to schedule rangers at your school, we need a minimum of 3 classes (a half day) or up to a maximum of 5 classes (a full day) to book the same program during one school day. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance, and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis, based on staff availability.

Reserve your “Ranger in Your Classroom” program today!
Contact STLI_Education_Department@nps.gov or (646) 285-8664.

Summary of Ranger in Classroom Programs

Towards a New Home (4th Grade) - As immigrants prepared to leave their home countries for the United States, many encountered difficult decisions as to what to bring with them on their journey. They departed with heavy hearts and experienced great sacrifice as they left their homes for good and said good bye to family members who many would never see again. Developed as an early lesson in the immigration unit, *Towards a New Home* introduces students to the feelings of moving to a new place.

Punching the Ticket (4th-5th Grade) - As immigrants finished processing at Ellis Island, many confronted the difficulties of communicating with others in a different language. Symphonies of Italian, Russian, and a host of other languages filled the air as they made their ways to their new homes. *Punching the Ticket* explores some of the communicative challenges and other difficulties immigrants faced as they settled in their new country. A highly-interactive curriculum-based program designed for the end of the unit, this activity helps make the immigrant experience come alive for the students in the classroom.

Creating a Symbol (3rd - 4th Grade) - The Statue of Liberty has served as an icon to millions of people worldwide since its construction over 125 years ago. *Creating a Symbol* helps students explore the symbolism associated with the National Park Service and Lady Liberty and discover how these representations relate to their everyday lives. This activity engages younger audiences to think about the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of America’s past, present, and future.